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1. Vietnamese nationalists are looking more and more to the U.S.A. to save the situation. They believe the U.S.A. must take an active position at Geneva or the nations of Southeast Asia will be lost as the French will negotiate an Indochina settlement unless the U.S.A. prevents this.
2. The Communists would be the only beneficiaries of a negotiated settlement in Indochina, but an "internationalization" of Vietnam would guarantee that Communists did not gain complete control of the country and the non-Communist elements would be preserved. There are still more non-Communist nationalists in Vietnam than there are Communists, but the latter are well organized and the former are not.
3. Most of the Vietnamese political groups have made no plans to fight from the maquis in the event a settlement is reached at Geneva.. In fact, these groups do not display much interest in or discuss the Geneva Conference. Nationalist circles generally regard the conference as "useless" and so have given it little thought.

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